

Accompanying letter relating to M. D. Conway offer to Dr. W. H. Mason
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One of the anti Slavery friends to whom I wrote recently
thus affirms and whom answers I do not send as it is
merely a private affair of his own obession "The Eng
" Committee of the Emancipation Society have adopted a
"Resolution condemning Coercion and it is generally considered
" a remarkably indirect & foolish person, & many are
" puzzled to understand why he should have been sent over
" to a place as a Agent, but he tasks other qualities necessary
" to make his mission a success."

My feeling of late is one of great discouragement about
American affairs. There is a want of heartmen about those
measures for the destruction of Slavery that is extremely de-
pressing. When I served round. If there had been one
great man at the head of the Northern Courts things
could not be in the f debilitate state of depression
which we now witness. The whole struggle has deprived
my hope in the progress of mankind. I thought the South
would be more easily compelled to take an anti Slavery
position. I do not at all think so much of the moral
weight of England would be thrown into the scale of the
most execrable step undone, and that counts in a concrete
form on earth. But I maintain that the few who
stand up for the right side in England as in America
cannot be fully undervalueed by the majority that they
protest against but have no power to prevent

Our ~~pro-southern~~ pro-southern paper are full of
reports of Democratic meetings in favour of peace in the
Northern cities - and if these ban off uninterrupted by
popular hostility - I don't see that the Abolitionists should
be attacked if they even do suggest the abolition of Slavery
as a condition of peace. I wonder when we shall see light
breaking from the cloud that was so dark and us

Hoping to hear from you ere long I am ever truly your

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